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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: EQUIPMENT PROCEDURES

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 116

REF: STATE 59198

1. RE PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL: DELEGATION REQUEST PARA 1 MOSCOW 3629 DID NOT REPEAT NOT SUGGEST INCORPORATING OTHER PORTIONS OF EQUIPMENT INTO EQUIPMENT TO BE SUBJECT TO POST-SHOT CHANCE CHOICE. DELEGATION STILL NEEDS TECHNICAL RATIONALE, USABLE IN DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET SIDE, AS TO WHY ALL EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ONE SET OF COMPONENTS FOR RECORDING DATA CANNOT BE TURNED OVER TO CUSTODY OF HOST, INDEPENDENT OF OUTCOME OF POST-SHOT CHANCE CHOICE.

2. WE SHARE THE VIEW THAT CALIBRATION AND CHECK-OUT EQUIPMENT WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO BE USABLE FOR ACQUIRING UNNECESSARY DATA ON NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. HOWEVER, SOVIET ASSERTED CONCERN NOT LIMITED TO DATA ON NUCLEAR DEVICE, BUT IS DIRECTED, INTER ALIA, TO OTHER UNDEFINED SOURCES SUCH AS RADIO SIGNALS. DELEGATION REQUESTS SPECIFIC ARGUMENTS THAT COULD BE USED WITH SOVDEL TO SUPPORT RATIONALE IN PARA 4 STATE 37571, AS IT APPLIES TO CALIBRATION AND CHECK-OUT EQUIPMENT, TRAILERS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT NOT

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SPECIFICALLY IN DATA PROCESSING AND RECORDING CHAIN,

BUT WHICH COULD CARRY "COLLATERAL CAPABILITIES."

3. DELEGATION HAS NOT RECEIVED ERDA (DUFF) MEMO OF JANUARY 27, 1976. PLEASE CABLE IT, AND ATTACH LIST OF EQUIPMENT ASAP.

4. STATE 37571 AND 38730 PROVIDE FOR DELIVERY OF TWO SETS OF EQUIPMENT TO SITE 30 DAYS BEFORE BEGINNING OF EMPLACEMENT (E MINUS 30), TO BE FOLLOWED BY ASSEMBLY TESTING AND DEMONSTRATION SO THAT CHOICE CAN BE MADE BY E MINUS 15. SOVIET PROPOSAL CALLS FOR CHOICE TO BE MADE ON OR ABOUT E MINUS 30, FOLLOWED BY 10 DAYS' EXAMINATION IN PRESENCE OF DESIGNATED PERSONNAL AND DELIVERY TO SITE ON E MINUS 10. DELEGATION HAS FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON THESE DIFFERENCES; ALL QUESTIONS ASSUME THAT SOVIET-PROPOSED EXAMINATION UNACCEPTABLE TO US:

(A) SHOULD DELEGATION INSIST ON DEMONSTRATION BEFORE CHOICE IS MADE?

(B) IF YES, MUST DEMONSTRATION BE AT SITE?

(C) IF NOT, WHEN SHOULD WORKING SET OF EQUIPMENT BE DELIVERED TO SITE?

5. RESPONSE TO QUERIES PARAS 1, 2 AND 4 REQUESTED BY 0800 MOSCOW TIME, MARCH 13.

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